Ḥadīth al-Kisā’

The Event of the Kisā’ (Cloak)

إِنَّمَا يُرِيدُ اللَّـهُ لِيُذْهِبَ عَنكُمُ الرِّجْسَ أَهْلَ الْبَيْتِ وَيُطَهِّرَكُمْ تَطْهِيرًا

Indeed Allah desires to repel all impurity from you, O People of the Household, and purify you with a thorough purification. (33:33)

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Please recite a Fātiḥah for

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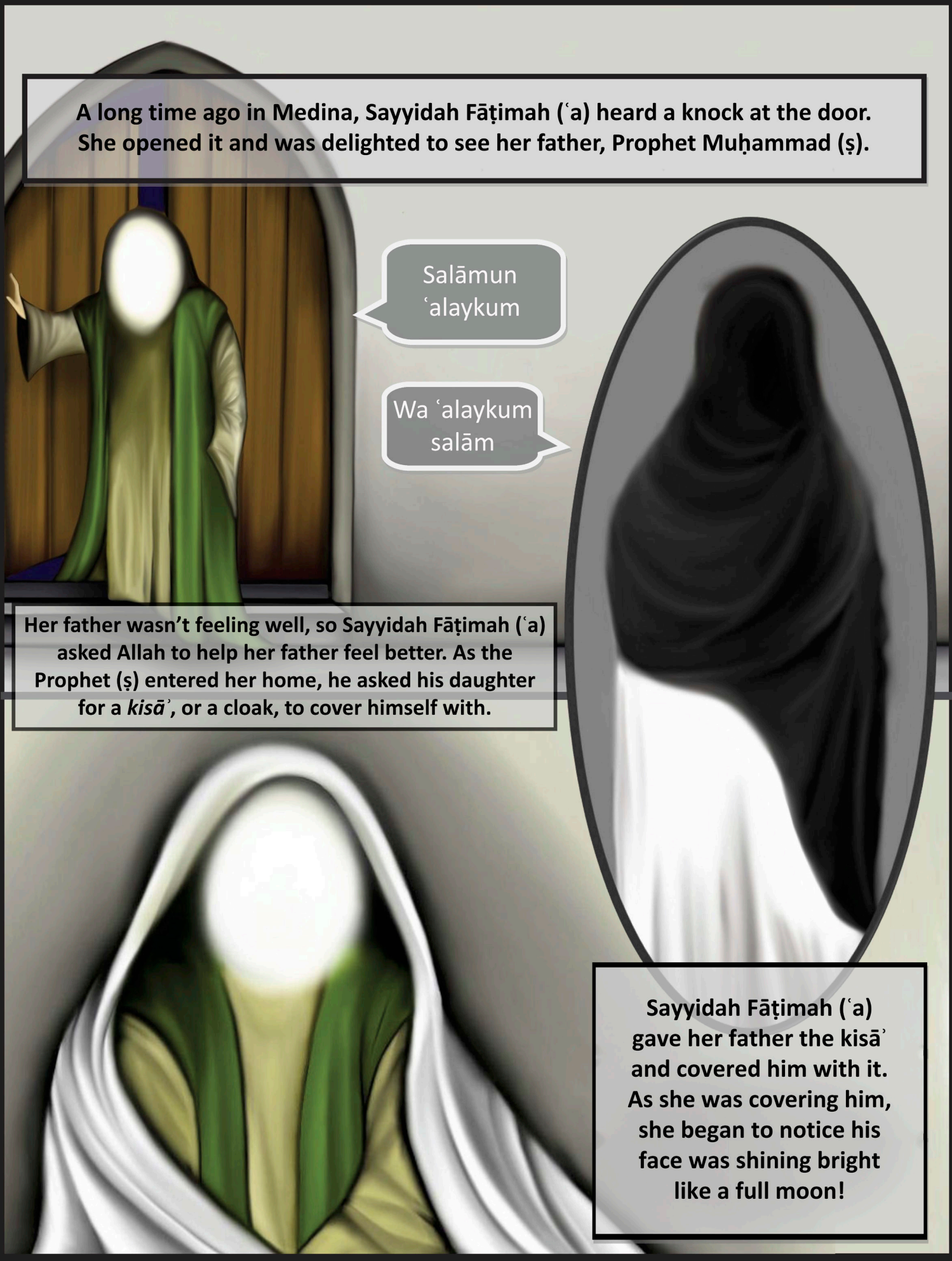
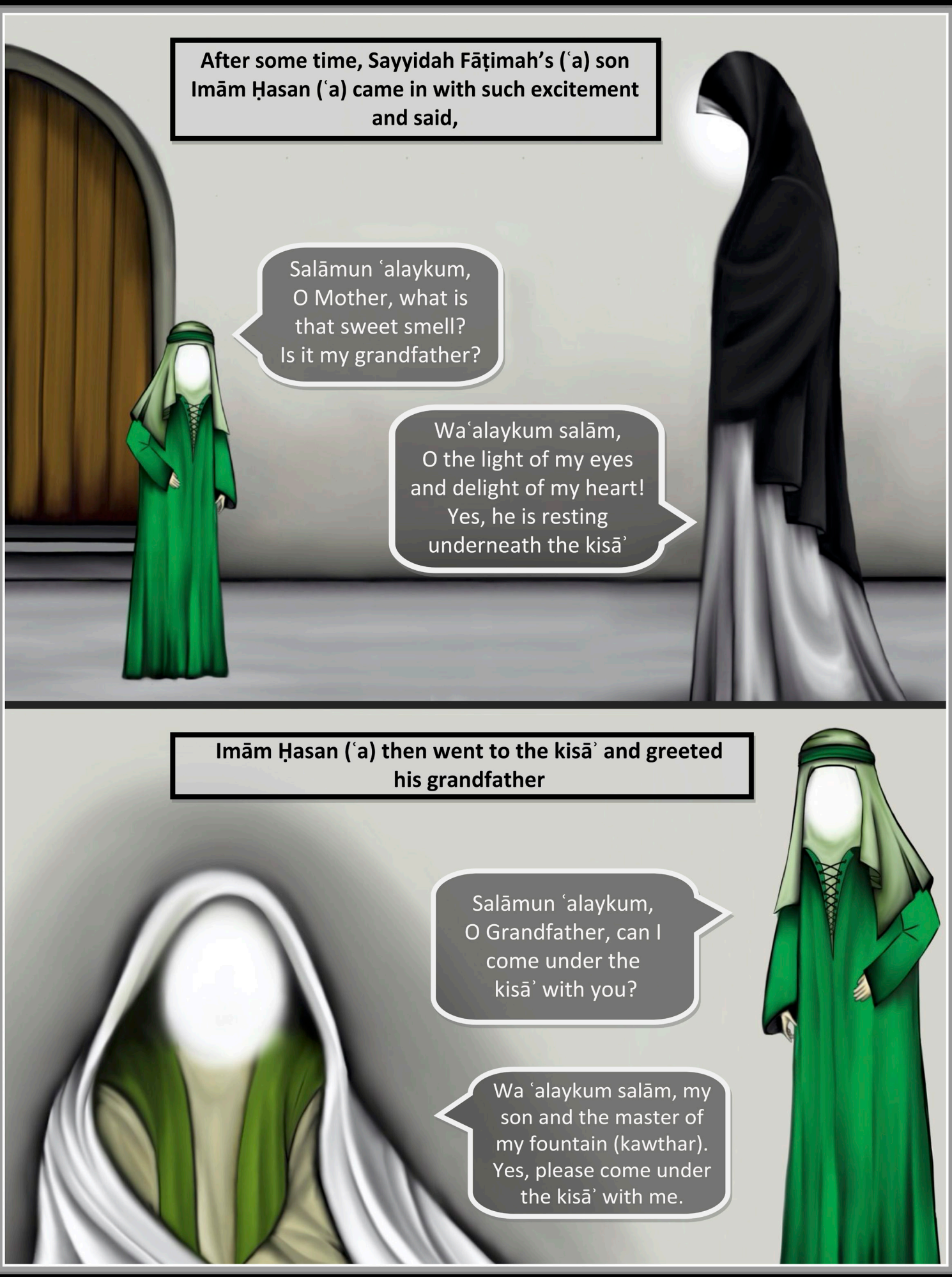
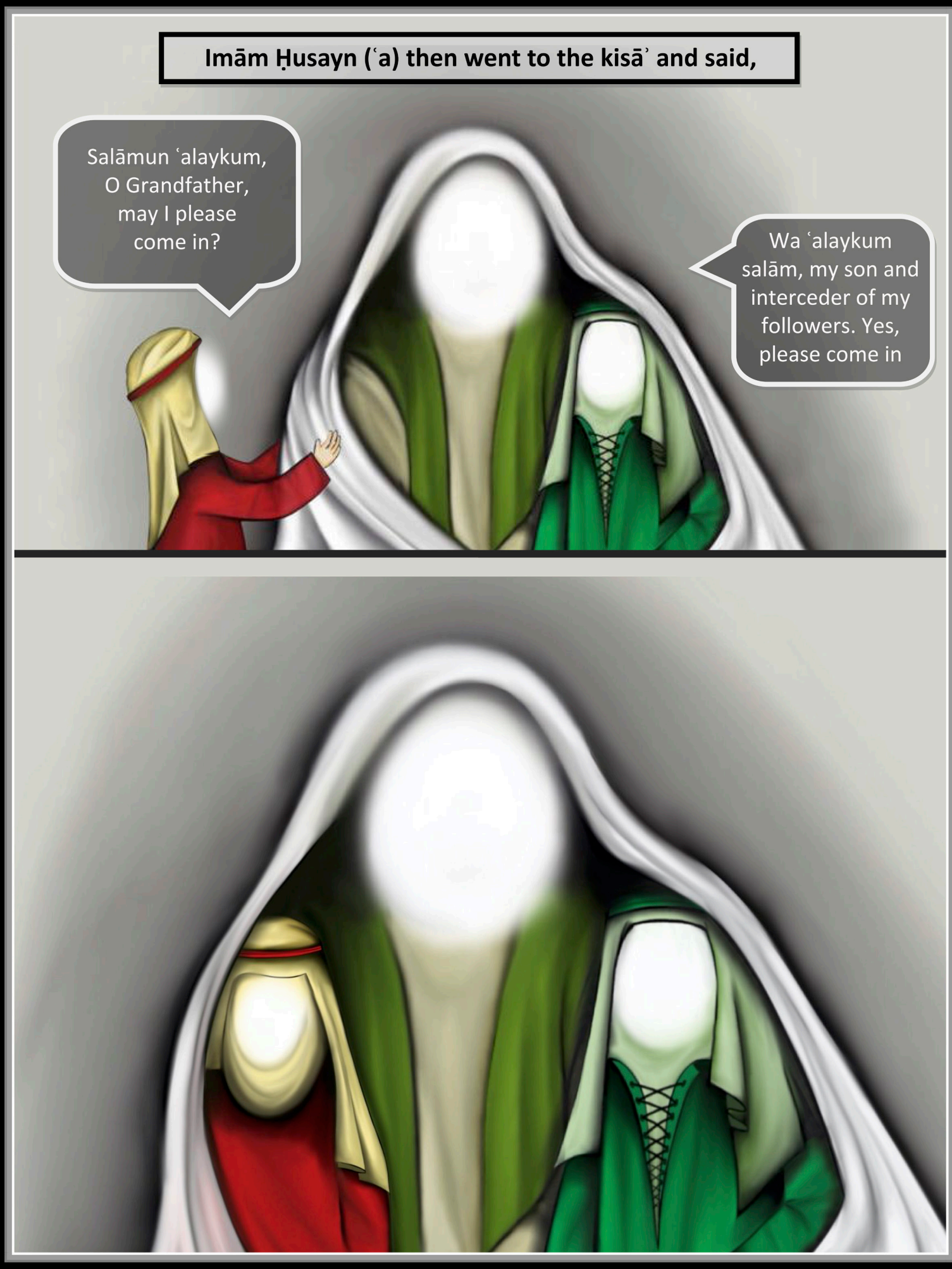

A long time ago in Medina, Sayyidah Fāṭimah (ʿa) heard a knock at the door. She opened it and was delighted to see her father, Prophet Muḥammad (ṣ).
Salāmun ʿalaykum
Wa ʿalaykum salām
Her father wasn't feeling well, so Sayyidah Fāṭimah (ʿa) asked Allah to help her father feel better. As the Prophet (ṣ) entered her home, he asked his daughter for a *kisāʾ*, or a cloak, to cover himself with.
Sayyidah Fāṭimah (ʿa) gave her father the kisāʾ and covered him with it. As she was covering him, she began to notice his face was shining bright like a full moon!

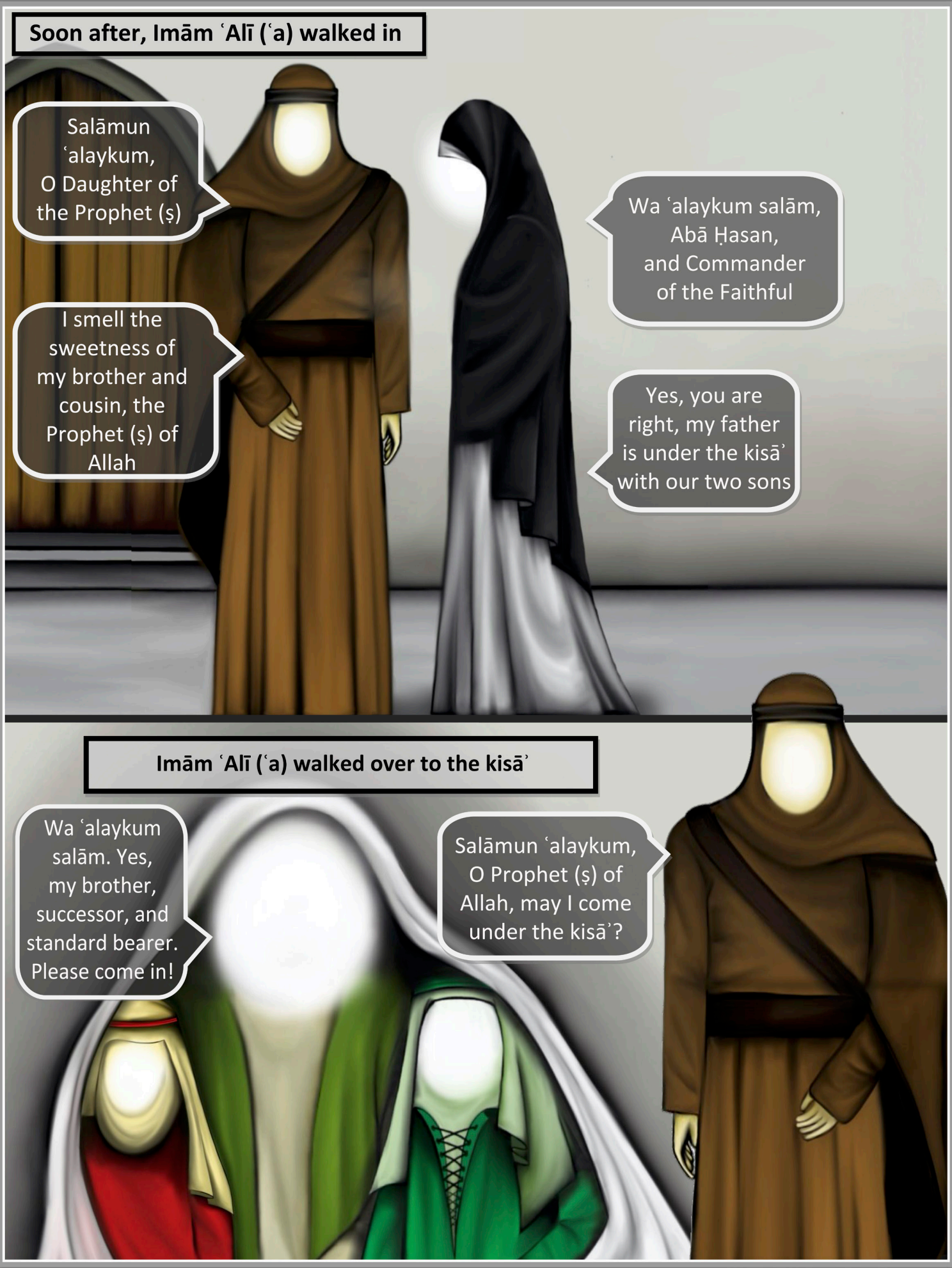

After some time, Sayyidah Fāṭimah's (ʿa) son Imām Ḥasan (ʿa) came in with such excitement and said,
Salāmun ʿalaykum, O Mother, what is that sweet smell? Is it my grandfather?
Waʿalaykum salām, O the light of my eyes and delight of my heart! Yes, he is resting underneath the kisāʾ
Imām Ḥasan (ʿa) then went to the kisāʾ and greeted his grandfather
Salāmun ʿalaykum, O Grandfather, can I come under the kisāʾ with you?
Wa ʿalaykum salām, my son and the master of my fountain (kawthar). Yes, please come under the kisāʾ with me.

Then, after a while, her other son Imām Ḥusayn (ʿa) came running into the room and exclaimed

Salāmun ʿalaykum, O Mother, is that sweet perfume in the air my grandfather?

Wa ʿalaykum salām, O the light of my eyes and delight of my heart! Yes, he is under the kisāʾ

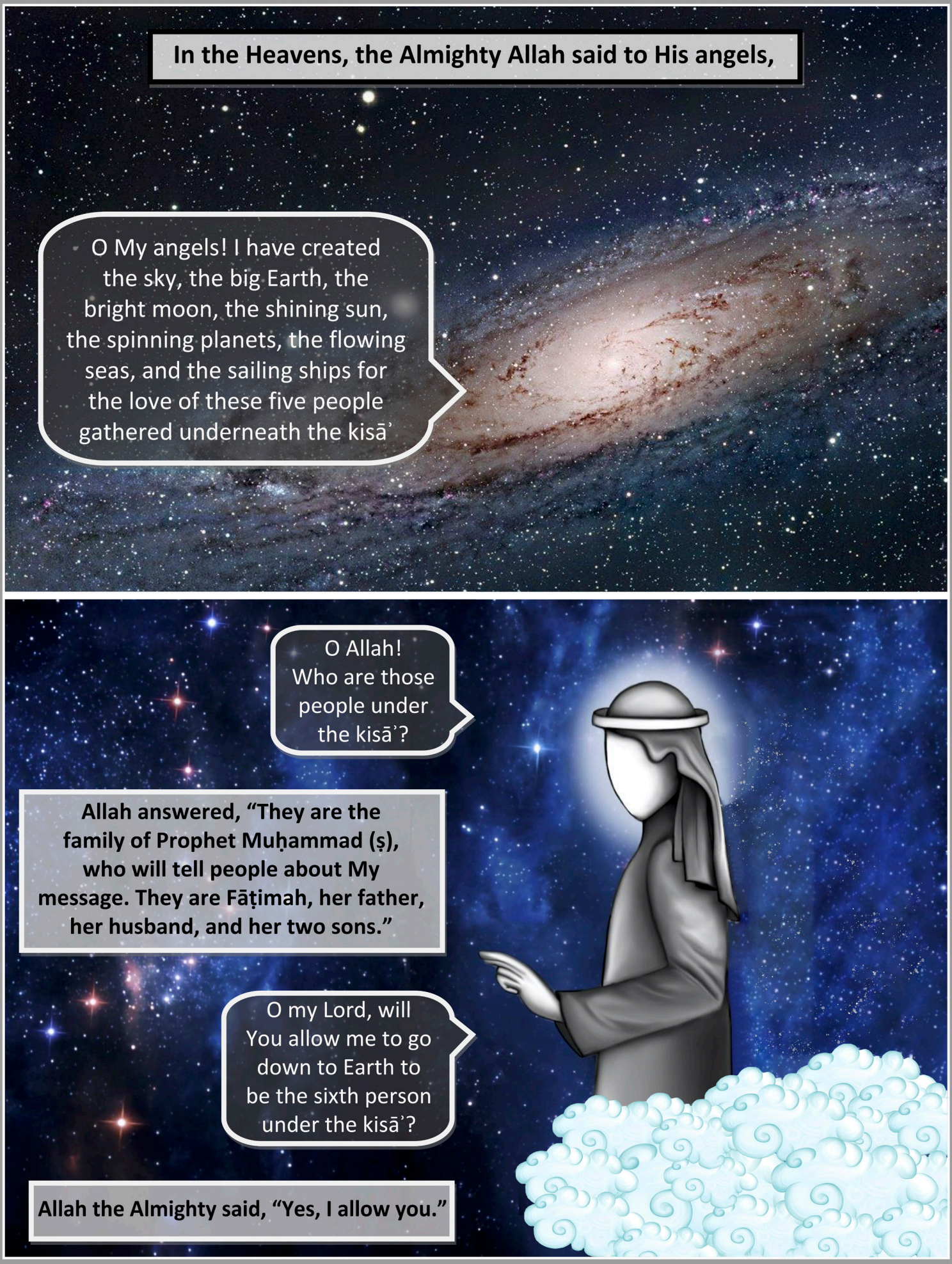

Imām Ḥusayn (ʿa) then went to the kisāʾ and said,
Salāmun ʿalaykum, O Grandfather, may I please come in?
Wa ʿalaykum salām, my son and interceder of my followers. Yes, please come in

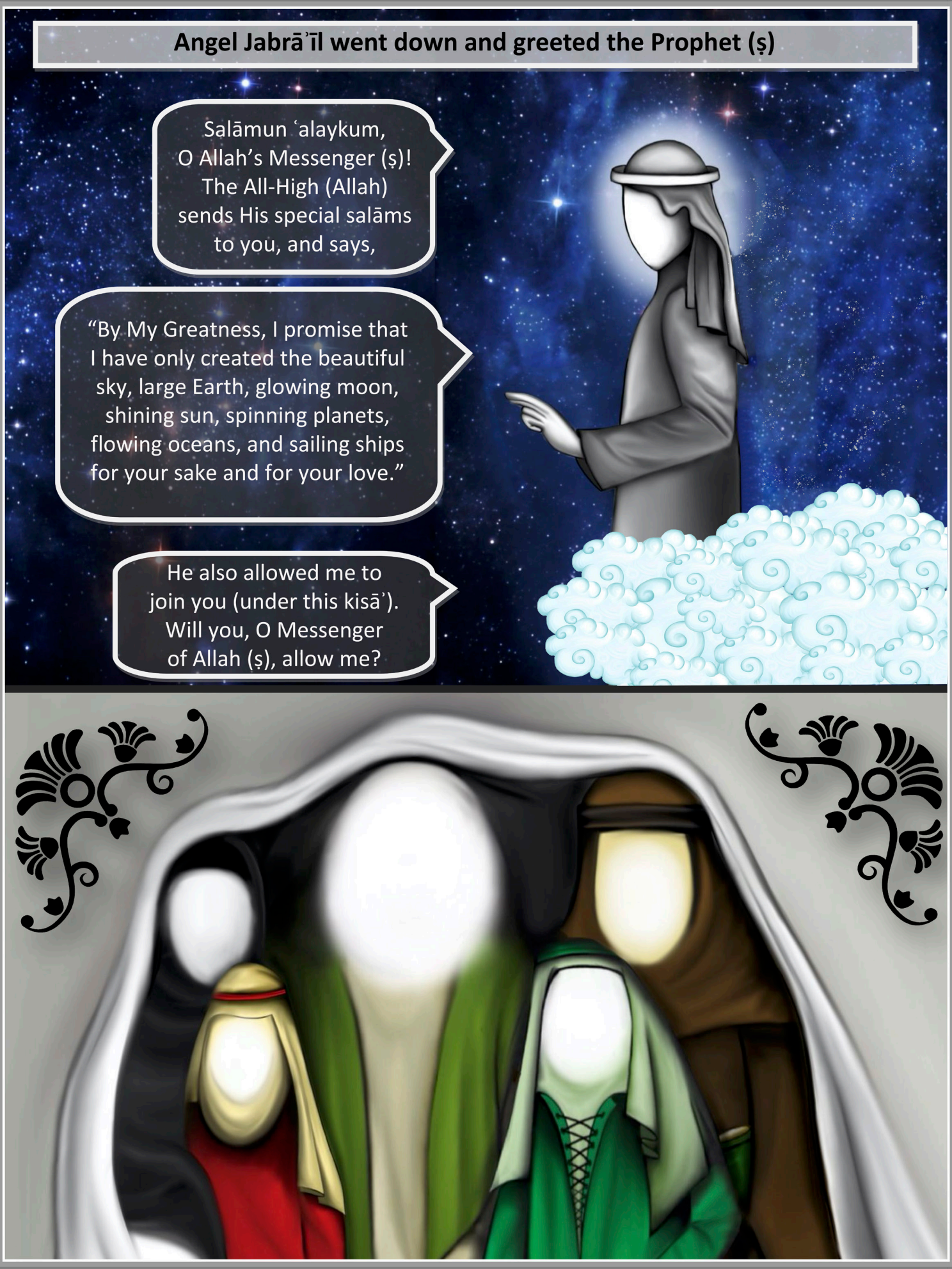

Soon after, Imām ʿAlī (ʿa) walked in
Salāmun ʿalaykum, O Daughter of the Prophet (ṣ)
I smell the sweetness of my brother and cousin, the Prophet (ṣ) of Allah
Wa ʿalaykum salām, Abā Ḥasan, and Commander of the Faithful
Yes, you are right, my father is under the kisāʾ with our two sons
Imām ʿAlī (ʿa) walked over to the kisāʾ
Wa ʿalaykum salām. Yes, my brother, successor, and standard bearer. Please come in!
Salāmun ʿalaykum, O Prophet (ṣ) of Allah, may I come under the kisāʾ?

Sayyidah Fāṭimah (ʿa) looked over and saw that her two sons, husband, and father were all under the kisāʾ. She then walked toward the kisāʾ
Salāmun ʿalaykum, O Prophet of Allah! May I come under the kisāʾ, too?
Yes, my daughter; you are a part of me! Please come in.

As soon as she entered, her father held both ends of the kisāʾ and raised his right hand toward the Heavens and said the following duʿā:

O Allah, these are the people of my family, my Ahl al-Bayt (ʿa).
They are very special to me.
Whoever hurts them, hurts me too.
Whoever makes them sad, makes me sad too.
I don't like the people who don't like them.
I love the people who love them.
I am the enemy of their enemies, and I am the friend of their friends.
They are a part of me, and I am a part of them.
O Allah! Send Your most special blessings and gifts upon me and upon them.
And keep them away from impurity and keep them thoroughly pure.


In the Heavens, the Almighty Allah said to His angels,
O My angels! I have created the sky, the big Earth, the bright moon, the shining sun, the spinning planets, the flowing seas, and the sailing ships for the love of these five people gathered underneath the kisāʾ
O Allah! Who are those people under the kisāʾ?
Allah answered, “They are the family of Prophet Muḥammad (ṣ), who will tell people about My message. They are Fāṭimah, her father, her husband, and her two sons.”
O my Lord, will You allow me to go down to Earth to be the sixth person under the kisāʾ?
Allah the Almighty said, “Yes, I allow you.”


Angel Jabrāʾīl went down and greeted the Prophet (ṣ)
Salāmun ʿalaykum, O Allah's Messenger (ṣ)! The All-High (Allah) sends His special salāms to you, and says,
"By My Greatness, I promise that I have only created the beautiful sky, large Earth, glowing moon, shining sun, spinning planets, flowing oceans, and sailing ships for your sake and for your love."
He also allowed me to join you (under this kisāʾ). Will you, O Messenger of Allah (ṣ), allow me?

So, Angel Jabrāʾīl joined them under the kisāʾ. He said to the Prophet (ṣ),

Then, ʿAlī (ʿa) said to my father

O Prophet (ṣ) of Allah, tell me what is the significance of us getting together underneath this cloak?

I swear by Allah that whenever this story of the kisāʾ is mentioned in a gathering of our believers and followers, Allah will certainly shower His blessings and gifts down on them, and the angels will surround them and ask for forgiveness for them until they leave that gathering.

Surely, by the Lord of Kaʿbah, we and our followers are the winners and the blessed, in this world and the next!

I swear by Allah, who rightfully appointed me as a Prophet and Messenger, that whenever this story of the kisāʾ is mentioned in a gathering of our believers and followers, every one of them who is sad will have their sadness removed, and whoever is distressed will have their distress removed, and whoever has any wishes, then Allah will grant their wishes.

This beautiful event of Sayyidah Fāṭimah (ʿa) and the Ahl al-Bayt (ʿa) came to be known as the event of the kisāʾ.

I swear by the Lord of the Kaʿbah that we and our followers are the winners and the blessed, in this world and the next!

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